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FOR:  $\beta$  1,3-N-ACETYL-D-GALACTOSAMINE TRANSFERASE PROTEIN, NUCLEIC  
ACID ENCODING THE SAME AND METHOD OF EXAMINING CANCERATION  
USING THE SAME

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

An amended portion of the **specification** is presented on page 2.

A priority claim is added.

Entry of the **Sequence Listing** is requested on page 3.

The **claims** are presented on pages 4-7.

Claims 7, 12-13 and 16 are amended.

Claims 17-20 are added.

**Remarks** begin on page 8.